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WHEN SERIAL KILLER AND PSYCHOPATH CLETUS KASADY MERGED WITH THE OFFSPRING OF THE ALIEN SYMBIOTE VENOM, HIS THIRST FOR BLOOD ONLY INCREASED. THE ALREADY CRAZED CLETUS BECAME **CARNAGE**. RECENTLY, A CATACLYSMIC EVENT INVERTED THE WORLD'S GREATEST HEROES AND WORST VILLAINS, MAKING THE GOOD BAD AND THE BAD GOOD-- INCLUDING THE SERIAL-KILLING, SYMBIOTE-SUITED CARNAGE! HE WANTS TO BE ONE OF THE GOOD GUYS BUT HIS PSYCHOPATHIC MIND CAN'T QUITE FIGURE OUT HOW TO DO IT.

MEANWHILE, A MYSTERIOUS FIGURE KNOWN AS SIN-EATER HAS BEEN MURDERING NEWS REPORTERS. WHEN HE TRIED TO CLAIM NEWS ANCHOR **ALICE GLEASON**, HE WAS STOPPED BY CARNAGE!

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WE ARE ALL BORN INTO THIS WORLD THROUGH BLOOD AND PAIN.
IT TAKES A SPECIAL PERSON TO RISE ABOVE IT.
EVERY HERO HAS AN ORIGIN.
YOUR PARENTS GETTING MURDERED IS THE BEST WAY TO START.
MY OLD MAN WASTED MY MOM RIGHT IN FRONT OF ME.
OR WAS IT MY STEP-DAD AND MY FOSTER MOM? I DON'T KNOW.
I REMEMBER THINGS WRONG SOMETIMES, BUT IT ALL WORKS IF IT FEELS RIGHT.

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ORPHANAGES ARE GOOD, TOO.
BUT REALLY ANY TERRIBLE PLACE TO INCUBATE WILL WORK.
Saint Estes Home for Boys
YOU JUST NEED ONE BEACON IN THE DARK.
ONE PERSON TO SHOW YOUR TRUE FACE TO.
SCHOOL BUS
ALICE, I LOVE YOU.
OH MY GOD! YOU MUST BE JOKING!
I AM, LIKE, TOTALLY TOO GOOD FOR YOU.
SCHOOL BUS
WHERE YOUR HEART CAN BE BROKEN AND YOUR INNOCENCE LOST.
THEN YOU KILL THAT ONE GOOD THING TO PERFECT THE POINTLESSNESS OF THE UNIVERSE.

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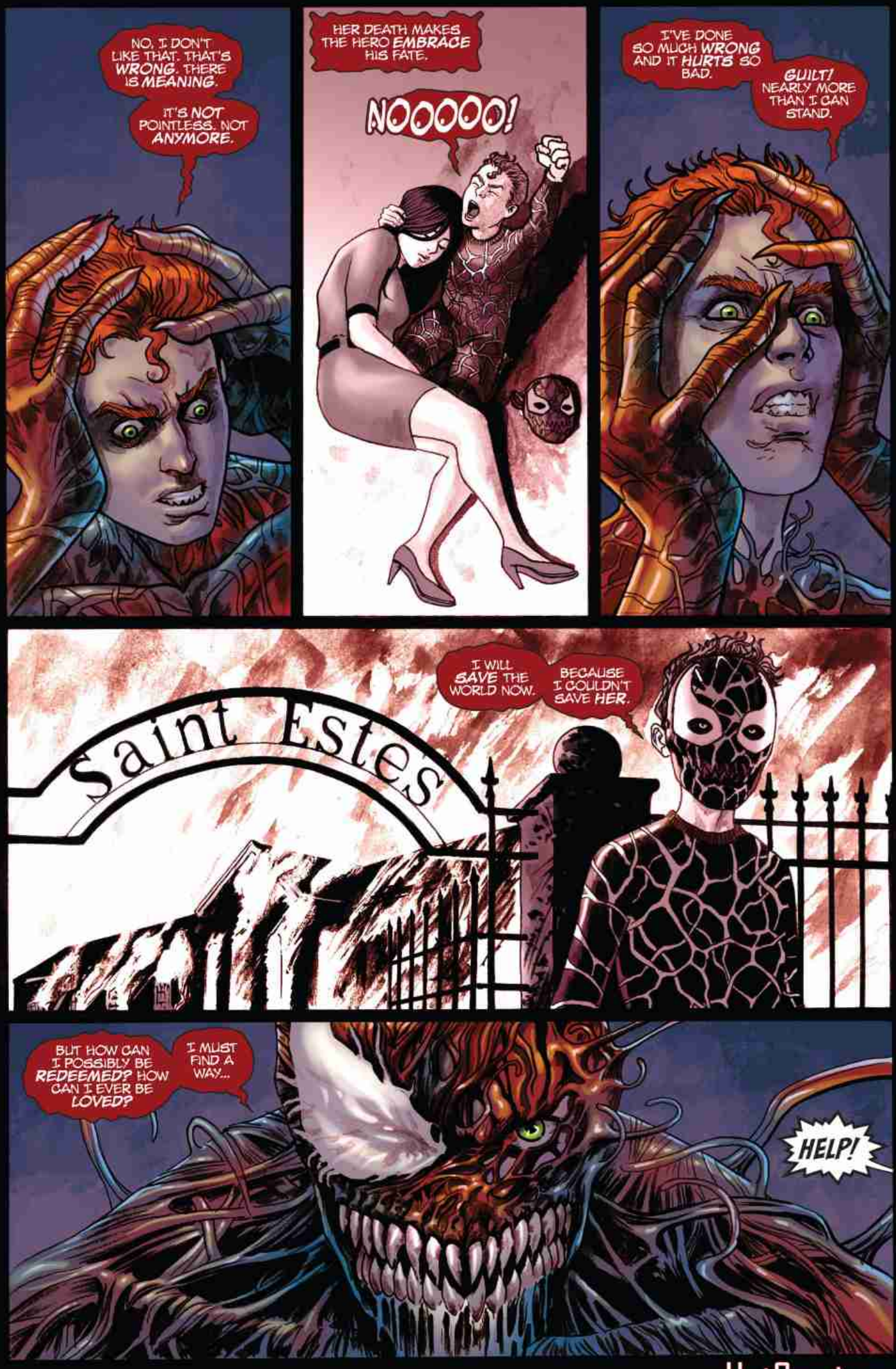
NO. I DON'T LIKE THAT. THAT'S WRONG. THERE IS MEANING.
IT'S NOT POINTLESS. NOT ANYMORE.
HER DEATH MAKES THE HERO EMBRACE HIS FATE.
NOOOOO!
I'VE DONE SO MUCH WRONG AND IT HURTS SO BAD.
GUILT! NEARLY MORE THAN I CAN STAND.
Saint Estes
I WILL SAVE THE WORLD NOW.
BECAUSE I COULDN'T SAVE HER.
BUT HOW CAN I POSSIBLY BE REDEEMED? HOW CAN I EVER BE LOVED?
I MUST FIND A WAY...
HELP!

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SOMEBODY, HELP!
IT'S OKAY. WEREN'T YOU LISTENING? YOU'RE SAFE NOW.
I SAVED YOU!
STAY AWAY FROM ME!
DON'T HURT ME.
I'M NOT GONNA HURT YOU. I'M A HERO NOW.
JUST LET ME GO!
NO, YOU'LL RUN AWAY.
IF YOU'RE REALLY TRYING TO BE A HERO YOU CAN'T HOLD ME HOSTAGE!
DON'T YELL AT ME! I DIDN'T KNOW THAT.
SEE, I NEED HELP. I DON'T UNDERSTAND HOW TO DO THIS SUPER HERO THING.
ALL MY GOOD IDEAS ARE FOR BAD STUFF.

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OKAY, LOOK, IF YOU FREE ME AND PROMISE NOT TO HURT ME, THEN I PROMISE I WON'T RUN AWAY.
AND I'LL SHOW YOU HOW TO BE, YOU KNOW... GOOD.
WHY DO I HAVE TO PROMISE?
BECAUSE IF YOU MAKE A PROMISE THEN YOU HAVE TO KEEP IT.
BUT PROMISES ARE SO EASILY BROKEN. THEY'RE JUST STUPID WORDS.
YES, BUT GOOD PEOPLE DON'T BREAK PROMISES. THEY KEEP THEIR WORD.
ESPECIALLY HEROES.
YOU WANT ME TO TEACH YOU?
WELL, THAT'S THE FIRST LESSON. PROMISE.
OKAY, I PROMISE.

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WE ARE FOLLOWING UP EVERY LEAD AND EVERY POSSIBILITY.
POLICE DEPAR
CITY OF NEW
RK
BREAKING NEWS
NEWSCASTER MISSING
CNN
I PROMISE THAT WE WILL FIND ALICE GLEASON AND BRING HER HOME SAFE.
YOU SEE THIS?
ONE PRETTY WHITE GIRL GOES MISSING AND THE WHOLE CITY SWINGS INTO HIGH ALERT.
NEWSCASTER MISS
THAT'S SOME GREAT COMMENTARY, JIM. YOU SHOULD TOTALLY TWEET THAT.
HAVE YOU SEEN EMIL GREGG?
YOU CHECK THE METHADONE LINE?
NOT EMIL THE JUNKIE. EMIL THE SERIAL CONFESSOR.
I DON'T KNOW. CHECK THE CHAPEL.
WHAT DO I LOOK LIKE, GLORIA, HIS SOCIAL WORKER? OH, WAIT. THAT'S YOU!
HAR HAR. HE'S MISSED OUR APPOINTMENT AGAIN.
I'VE BEEN TRYING TO PLACE HIM IN AN ADULT CARE FACILITY BUT THERE ARE NO BEDS AND HE'S BEEN LIVING ON THE STREETS FOR MONTHS.
I'M GOING DOWN TO BUM TOWN TO SEE IF I CAN FIND HIM.
SERIOUSLY? BUM TOWN IS DANGEROUS.
UGH...I BETTER GO WITH YOU.
MY HERO.

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WE'RE LOOKING FOR EMIL GREGG. YOU SEEN HIM?
HE WAS PRETTY BAD OFF LAST TIME I SAW HIM.
HE'D BEEN MIXED UP IN THAT SIN-EATER CASE A WHILE BACK AND IT BROKE HIM.
HE'D BEGUN TO ACTUALLY BELIEVE HE WAS THE SIN-EATER.
THAT SMELL...
OH, NO.
SHOO! SHOO!
YES, WE NEED AN AMBULANCE. WE'VE FOUND A BODY.

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PART OF BEING A GOOD PERSON IS ADMITTING THE MISTAKES OF YOUR PAST.
IN LOVING MEMORY OF ELSA RONFSMITH
"YOU CAN CLEANSE YOURSELF THROUGH CONFESSION AND START CLEAN."
RELIGION GIVES US RULES TO LIVE BY, GUIDELINES TO FOLLOW TO BE GOOD.
WE'RE BEING WATCHED!
YOU THERE!
INTERLOPER!

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IT'S A GRAVE ROBBER!
NO! HELP! HELP!
CARNAGE, NO! LET HIM GO!
HEEL!
BUT HE'S STEALING FROM THE DEFENSELESS DEAD!
HE'S A GRAVE DIGGER, NOT A ROBBER!
HE WORKS HERE.
OH... MY BAD.
APOLOGIZE!
YOU'VE BROKEN EVERY BONE IN MY BODY.
AAAAAGH!
I'M SORRY, CITIZEN.
PLEASE GO ABOUT YOUR DAY AND BE MERRY.
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ANYWAY, DON'T I HAVE TO CONFESS IN A CHURCH OR, LIKE, TO A PRIEST OR SOMETHING TO MAKE IT OFFICIAL?
GOD IS EVERYWHERE, HE'LL HEAR YOU.
BUT WE'LL RECORD THIS AND PUT IT ON THE INTERNET JUST TO MAKE SURE THE PRIESTS CAN FIND IT.
OKAY, WE ARE ROLLING...
CAN YOU STATE YOUR NAME FOR THE RECORD.
UH...CARNAGE, BUT MY GIVEN NAME IS CLETUS. CLETUS KASADY.
SO, CLETUS... HOW MANY PEOPLE HAVE YOU KILLED?
MURDERED...
UH...YOU KNOW, LIKE... A LOT.
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THIS IS A CONFESSION. WE NEED FACTS.
GIVE US A NUMBER.
HONESTLY?
MORE THAN NUMBERS I KNOW.
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BZZT
NEW MEDIA FILE FROM ALICE
CAGE ENOUGH 4U?
I CONFESS. I WANT TO KILL EVERYONE ALL THE TIME, BUT I'M TRYING SUPER-HARD NOT TO.
HOLY HELL...
WE HAVE CONFIRMATION THAT MISS GLEASON HAS BEEN KIDNAPPED BY THE SUPER VILLAIN CARNAGE.
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WE CLEANED UP!
C'MON! LET'S MOVE IT BEFORE THE COPS SHOW!
YOU DIDN'T SEE NOTHING, YA HEAR?!
IT'S OUR LUCKY DAY!
BANK ROBBERS!
I SHOULD STOP THEM, RIGHT?
THAT'S WHAT A HERO WOULD DO.
YES, GET IN THERE!
GUNS ARE DANGEROUS, KID!

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WHAT ARE YOU DOING?!
TAKING A VICTORY LAP, BABE!
YOU CAN'T ROB A BANK IF I BURN IT DOWN FIRST!
WHAT ARE YOU THINKING? YOU'VE MADE EVERYTHING WORSE!
PUT OUT THE FIRE.
JEEZ, OKAY, CHILL OUT, GAWD...
I'VE COME FOR THE JEZEBEL, ALICE GLEASON!
WHERE IS SHE?!
ARE YOU KIDDING?
THE WHOLE WORLD IS WATCHING HER ON TV.

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KNOCK IT OFF!
IF YOU GET MY HAIR WET I'LL KILL YOU.
OKAY! NOW WE'RE GETTING SOMEWHERE!
RULE NUMBER TWO, NEVER GET A GIRL'S HAIR WET. GOT IT!
TIME TO MAKE OUR EXIT.
SIGNING AUTOGRAPHS IS SO EMBARRASSING.
THIS IS ALICE GLEASON REPORTING LIVE!
TARGET ACQUIRED.
HOLD YOUR FIRE. HE'S GOT THE GIRL.

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